

WT Docket No. 01-289, FCC 13-2.

Subject: Banning 121.5 MHz ELTs for aircraft.

Although the FCC and NTIA have a stake in spectrum management, I believe that the FCC should hand over the aeronautical block of frequencies to the FAA and let the FAA handle the details. The FCC intervention in FCC operations is not warranted and undermines the authority of the FAA to govern air transportation activities. If the FAA believes that 121.5 MHz ELTs meet user needs, then the FAA, not the FCC, should make that determination. Forcing people into 406 MHz ELTs is expensive and will not materially affect the safety of airspace users within the U.S.

The 121.5 MHz frequency is available on all aircraft radios, and the FAA alone should determine if and when it should be abandoned for ELT use.

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